

SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2022 | PALM SUNDAY

HOLY THURSDAY
**THIS IS MY
BODY, THIS IS MY
BLOOD, GIVEN UP
FOR YOU**



Catholic Ministry Appeal Prayer
More numerous than the stars in the sky are your blessings, O Good and Gracious God.

You have called us to spread the Good News of your Son, Jesus Christ, through our words and actions. Strengthen our faith and open our hearts to care for all of our brothers and sisters, especially those who need us the most.

Help us to understand the difference we can make, the love we can share and the lives we can bring to Christ through the Catholic Ministry Appeal. We pray that your grace, O Lord, will lead us to be your loving heart and hands today. *Amen.*

Sacred Triduum Schedule

Holy Thursday

8:30 am Morning Prayer
7:00 pm-Mass of the Last Supper

Good Friday

8:30 am Morning Prayer
3:00 pm-Veneration of the Cross
7:00 pm Living Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday

8:30 Morning Prayer
12 noon Blessing of Easter Baskets

8:00 pm Easter Vigil

**Easter Sunday 7:30 am,
8:30 am (Vietnamese),
10:00 am and 11:30 am
Christ is Risen Alleluia**

Mass Schedule

Weekend Mass

Sat: 4:00 p.m. (Livestream)
Sun: 7:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m. (Vietnamese),
10:00 a.m. (Family Mass), 11:30 a.m.

Daily Mass: Mon-Sat: 8:30 a.m.

Take time to visit the Blessed Sacrament for quiet prayer.

Church Hours: 7:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

Morning Prayer: 8:05 a.m.

Exposition: 9:00 a.m. to noon with the rosary and divine mercy chaplet.

Benediction / Angelus: 11:55 a.m.



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**CATHOLIC
 MINISTRY**
Appeal

Catholic Ministry Appeal Numbers:

Appeal \$62,346.00

Pledge Amount \$69,317.00

Paid \$55,549.50

By 226 of our 637 Families

Together we share the joy of having made our pledge in support of the ministries funded by the appeal. \$13,767.50 remains to be paid on pledges. Lent is the time of alms giving to works of charity. Your pledge to the Catholic Ministry Appeal makes all the difference.

HOLY SATURDAY at 12:00 You are invited to bring the Easter baskets to be blessed containing the traditional foods for the first meal of Easter. This has been a beloved Catholic ritual for centuries among families of Eastern European origin. This tradition has since been adopted by people of all ethnic backgrounds, who enjoy its rich symbolism. On Holy Saturday morning, families prepare their Easter Baskets and fill them with symbolic items. The baskets are brought to church to be blessed during a short service at 12 noon. After Easter Sunday's Resurrection Mass, each family and their guests share their blessed fare and exchange good wishes. The custom of blessing the Easter foods arose from the strict Lenten fasting of the past, when meat, eggs, fats, and other foods were not allowed during Lent. Easter was thus greeted with great joy as the day when Christ arose and when fasts were ended. The Church's joy and thanksgiving were expressed in this custom of blessing the foods for the first meal of Easter.

Easter Cards Parish Family, have your loved ones, living and deceased enrolled in a novena of Masses on Easter Sunday. Take a card for those you would like enrolled, stop in the office or send to the rectory the names and your gift of five dollars. The novena will begin Easter Sunday, April 17, and will end on Monday April 25th. Wondering what to give loved ones for an Easter gift. Consider the greatest gift, the Holy Mass offered for their intentions.



Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

This is Holy Week, we face quite a contrast of experiences and emotions. Jesus is welcomed into Jerusalem with great joy and exultation! "Hosanna!" they cried out. "Hosanna in the Highest!" People were excited to see Him and there was much excitement. This excitement quickly turned to shock and horror as we enter more deeply into the Passion reading.

The Gospel culminates with Jesus hanging on the Cross crying out "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" And with that, "Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last." At that moment the entire congregation kneels in silence as we ponder the reality of Christ's death.

What happened to all the people who were shouting and praising Him as He entered into Jerusalem? How could they allow Him to enter into this Crucifixion and death? The deepest answer to this question is one that we may not expect. Jesus willingly embraced the suffering and rejection He received willingly, choosing it freely.

Why would He do such a thing? Why would He choose suffering and death? Because in the Father's perfect wisdom, this suffering and death was for a greater purpose. God chose to confound the wisdom of the world by using His own suffering and Crucifixion as the perfect means of our holiness. In this act, He transformed the greatest evil into the greatest good. Now, as a result of our faith in this act, the crucifix hangs centrally in our churches and in our homes as a reminder that not even the greatest of evils can overcome the power, wisdom and love of God. God is more powerful than death itself and God has the final victory when all seems lost.

Let this week give you divine hope. So often we can be tempted toward discouragement and, even worse, we can be tempted toward despair. But all is not lost for us either. Nothing can ultimately steal away our joy unless we let it. No hardship, no burden and no cross can conquer us if we remain steadfast in Christ Jesus letting Him transform all we endure in life by His glorious embrace of His own Cross. Ponder the fear, confusion and despair that many would have had as they saw Jesus murdered. Reflect, also, upon this being a divine act of love wherein this grave suffering is used for the greatest good ever known.

The Lord gave His life freely and calls you to do the same. Reflect upon the cross in your life. Know that the Lord can use this for good, bringing forth an abundance of mercy through your free embrace as you offer it to Him as a willing sacrifice. Blessed Holy Week! Put your eyes upon the Lord's Cross as well as your own. *My crucified Lord, when I am tempted to despair, give me hope. Help me to see your presence in all things, even in those things that are most troubling to me. Let this Holy Week transform my darkest moments and weakness as I surrender all to You, my God. Jesus, I trust in You.*

PARISH GIVING
MARCH 27, 2022

Sunday Offering	\$9,480.00
Candle Money	\$ 234.00
Total (Thank You!)	\$9,714.00

Mass Attendance 751

4:00 p.m.	189	\$1618.00
7:30 a.m.	99	\$1004.00
8:30 a.m.	143	\$ 883.00
10:00 a.m.	182	\$1117.00
11:30 a.m.	138	\$ 740.00
Mail In		\$ 490.00
Misc.		\$ 42.00
Catholic Relief Services		\$3,586.00

Visit www.svdpfl.com for online giving.

Thank you for sharing your time with us.

God bless your sacrifices.

Follow the Mass on Facebook,
live streaming on Saturday at 4:00 p.m.



April Showers , Bring May Flowers

GIFT CARD Order Forms can be found at the entrances of Church. Forms are due in the Office by

April 4, 2022

Need a Gift Card for Up-coming May Events?



Graduation, Sacraments, Mother's Day

PURCHASE GIFTS FOR MARCH WITH ON-SITE GIFT CARDS FROM The PARISH OFFICE OR GIFT SHOP



Visa \$50	
Lowe's \$25	WAWA \$25
Target \$25	Cracker Barrel \$10
Amazon \$25	Walmart/Sam's Club \$25

We have all these cards at Gift Shop or Parish Office

Thank you for worshipping with us!

Sanctuary Candle Intention for the week: **Terry Sangalang Sr.+ (Family)**

Sunday	April 10, 2022 PALM SUNDAY
7:30am	John Brady+ (Mary Brady, wife)
8:30am	Parish Family & Souls in Purgatory (Virginia Hester-hagen)
10:00am	Francisco Torres+ (Kate Kelly & Rich Perfidio)
11:30am	Robert McMahon+ (Anita McMahon) and Teresita Tiglao (Marilyn Tiglao)
Monday	April 11, 2022
8:30am	Anna Marie McMahon+ (Anita McMahon) and Reba Deiwert+ (Corcoran family)
Tuesday	April 12, 2022
8:30am	Victor & Alan Rosamilia+ (Joan Rosamilia) and Margaret & Ray Flanders (Richard Knox)
Wednesday	April 13, 2022
8:30am	Marites Umali (Marilyn) and Loida Espirtu (Marilyn Tigalo)
Thursday	April 14, 2022 HOLY THURSDAY MASS
7:00pm	Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	April 15, 2022 GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
3:00pm	Veneration of the Cross--Deceased Members of the Parish
Saturday	April 16, 2022 HOLY SATURDAY - EASTER VIGIL MASS
8:00pm	Don Bislick+ (Ed Grimes)



Readings for the Week

Sunday:	Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/ Phil 2:6-11/ Lk 22:14—23:56
Monday:	Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday:	Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday:	Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25
Thursday:	<i>Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:</i> Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23- 26/Jn 13:1-15
Friday:	Is 52:13—53:12/ Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/ Jn 18:1—19:42
Saturday:	<i>Vigil:</i> Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Gn 22:1-18/ Ex 14:15—15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/ Is 54:5-14/ Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 36:16- 17a, 18-28//Rom 6:3-11/Lk 24:1-12Next
Sunday:	Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or, Lk 24:13-35

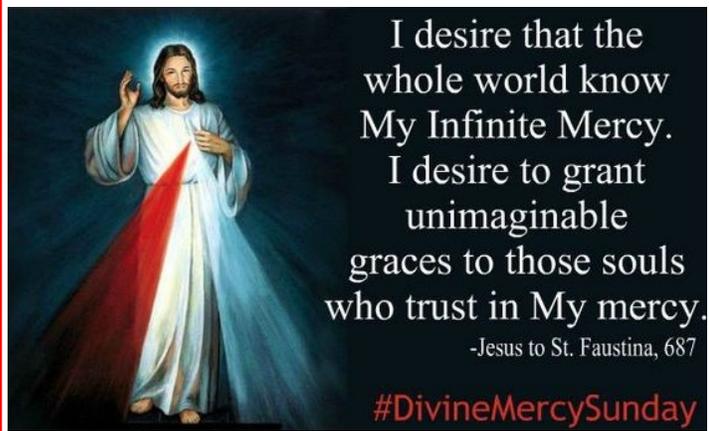


Annual Celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday

Join with us in Prayer at the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday at St. Vincent de Paul Church, held on Sunday, April 24 ta 3:00pm. The celebrant will be Fr. Dominic Long. The program will include the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Praises of Divine Mercy, Scripture readings and veneration of the image of Diving Mercy,

A reception will immediately follow this celebration at the Social Hall. Light refreshment and beverages will be provided. Church members are encouraged to bring their special dishes, finger foods or drinks to share with the participants.

Divine Mercy candles will be for sale, for placement at the Shrine of Divine Mercy. The Novena for Divine Mercy will begin on Good Friday, April 15. We will; pray together in the church after the daily 8:30 am Mass evert day except for Easter Sunday (On this day you will need to pray privately at home), until the novena ends on Saturday, April 23.



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Pope St. John Paul II rightly taught, "To believe in Jesus is to accept what he says, even when it runs contrary to what others are saying. It means rejecting the lure of sin, however attractive it may be, in order to set out on a difficult path of Gospel virtues." Acceptance, rejection, suffering, betrayal, fear, reluctance, persecution, and painful, undeserved and unjust death are all played out in dramatic fashion today. Jesus spoke of God's unconditional love, mercy, and forgiveness. Who doesn't like hearing about love, especially God's? Jesus did not have backs turned on him, face intense suffering, and succumb to a horrific death because he spoke of God's love. All of those things occurred because of the implications of actually believing in God's love.

God's love comes with an intimate and equal bond with love of neighbor. This moves the believer outward to truly see their brothers and sisters as equals and compels them to work for a world that mirrors God's kingdom: a world based on justice, peace, mercy, and forgiveness. Sometimes, people want to keep God's love to themselves and use it solely for their own benefit. When they only want to use God's love to justify their own intentions and for their own projects, problems occur.

Sin makes something hurtful, destructive, and self-serving look very attractive and justifiable. The lure of sin creates friends who begin to believe the lie that the sin expounds. This is what happened on Calvary. When you begin actually doing what Jesus is saying and translate love into action, it inevitably will upset popular and longstanding conventions and structures. Many of these serve to protect status, foster personal gain and success, and further divide those who have from those who do not.

Many people who hear the Gospel are attracted to what they hear, at first. When they realize that it means standing apart from popular opinion, even if that opinion is against the Gospel and sinful, they cower back in fear and join the throngs shouting, "Crucify him!" There is an ambivalence found in many believers as they struggle with whether their belief is strong enough "to set out on the difficult path of Gospel witness standing firm in their love for Christ and the Church."

It takes a lot of courage to admit that the system is broken. It takes even more courage to point out the sin. And it takes an unbreakable love of God to then accept the consequences of doing so. ©LPi



A BIG THANK YOU to all who helped to make last weekend's Arts and Crafts show a wonderful experience for our parish community. So many beautiful items from our talented members.

Please join us for the next meeting of **Our Lady's Guild on Tuesday, April 12 for our Day of Recollection from 10:00 to 11:30.** Ellen Shadle will lead us in reflecting on how Jesus helps in a suffering world to share in the mystery of His Passion. Join us before 10:00 for a light breakfast (finger food) and for lunch after the Day of Recollection has ended. Our Lady's Guild meeting will follow lunch. All are welcome!

Arts and Crafts is seeking new leadership for the group. We are looking for a crafter or two who would like to share your talent with others in our Parish and at the same time contribute to the fund raising mission of our church through our two annual Arts and Crafts shows. You do not have to be a member of Our Lady's Guild or a member of the Arts and Crafts group to lead this group of fun and friendly ladies and gentlemen. Marilynn Inkrott and Bernadine Quinton currently lead the group and have done a creative and marvelous job for many years! We have been blessed to have them; however, life circumstances have called them in another direction. If interested, please contact Robin Emmons at 630-740-2730 and she will give you more details.

Rosary Makers meet on the first Wednesday of each month from 1:00—2:30 in the Media Room of the Education Building. Their next meeting is April 6. Rosary Making is easy and fun! They will teach you how to make a rosary! They have made well over 7,000 rosaries that are distributed throughout the world to spread the love of Jesus and our Mother Mary.

Finance Corner

WORD OF APPRECIATION

Your gift helps our parish to pay for Payroll \$5,755.64, Payroll Taxes \$382.50, Printing \$49.45, Trash Removal \$183.81, Air Conditioner Repair \$310.00 and Needy \$579.00.

We will be having smaller fundraisers this year and your support of those will greatly help the parish.

Our parish is open seven days a week and serves many people in area with our prayers and outreach. To those who are homebound, keep us informed of your needs. Thank you and God Bless you!

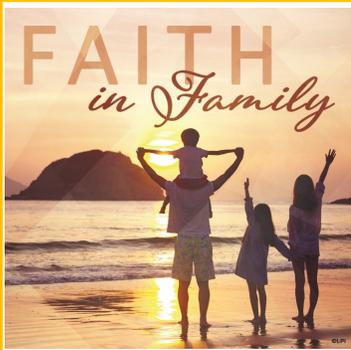


Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and to follow Jesus through death to new life.

As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who carry their cross of suffering and pain.

God's love is witnessed by the charity given through our care for others in need. Every gift is given to express the love God has shown to us in Jesus his Son. Jesus was incarnated of the virgin Mary and born in a manger. He came as food to nourish a hungry human family of his brothers and sisters. All of us.

Thank you for your support, the SVdP Society is made possible by your participation in serving this ministry.



A God Who Knows How It Feels

The final words spoken by Jesus from the cross were from Psalm 22. We will recite that same Psalm at today's Mass to join with Christ in self giving love to the Father.

"My God, my God, why have You abandoned me?"

We've never known the Jesus of the Gospels to doubt the will of God. We've never known him to be a defeatist or to give into feelings of despair. He's the hero who walks on water, the Savior who is welcomed to Jerusalem with a pathway of palms. And he knows how this story ends; he knows full well that his Father has absolutely not abandoned him.

So why does he say this? Jesus doesn't make offhanded comments, especially in his last hour. Today, when we repeat the words that he calls out in his darkest moment, we must remember that he wants us, very particularly, to consider them.

With his crucifixion, Jesus reminds us of his humanity. He is a man of flesh that can be torn and blood that can be shed. Somehow, in tandem with his divinity, he still possesses a heart that knows fear and pain and longing. And with this seemingly hopeless cry, he reminds us of that.

Let us never doubt that Jesus can relate to us in our brokenness. This is the week, friends. This is the week that reminds us that our God is a God who knows every pang, every trembling, and every uncertainty of human life. Our God knows what abandonment feels like. He knows what rejection feels like. He knows what it is to keep going when the strength and the will has disappeared. Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ~ ©LPi

AGGREGATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Discern Your Eucharistic Vocation and become a Lay Associate of the Blessed Sacrament. This is the year for you to begin your preparation to say 'yes' to the call to place the Eucharist at the heart of your life. Become what you receive.



SESSIONS BEGIN ON MAY 11th 2022, The Initial Formation Program meets once a Month: 2nd Wednesday, at 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Location: Education Bldg. Make 2022 a year to deepen your love and relationship with God. Discern the call of holiness by becoming an Associate of the Blessed Sacrament.

Reserve the second Wednesday of each month to discern a canonical Lay Vocation devoted to Jesus Eucharistic following the charism of Saint Peter Julian Eymard, *The Apostle of the Eucharist*. Discern the Rule of Life for Associates through a carefully developed series of twelve topics designed to introduce you to this Fraternal Eucharistic Community. Visit the website for more information about the Associate Program.

"The Eucharist shapes our lifestyle as individuals, as family members, and as members of society. We endeavor to understand every reality in the light of this sacrament and we contribute to a Christian vision of our global reality." # 6 Rule of Life of the Associates

As we embark on the USCCB a three-year Initiative to Revitalize the Eucharistic Real Presence of Jesus in our families and community, The Associates of the Blessed Sacrament invite you to journey in discerning your Lay Eucharistic Vocation by signing up for the formation sessions. Counts are needed for booklets and materials. Evening sessions in consideration, let us know your interest. RSVP: Rev. Bill Fickel, S.S.S. (727) 938-1974, Servant Leader Gloria Jung, info@aggregationblessedsacrament.com, Website:www.aggregationblessedsacrament.org Landline Messages: (727) 372-1792

MASS INTENTION BOOK 2023 IS NOW OPEN

You are invited to stop by or call the parish office from 9am to 2pm to request Mass intentions for the 2023 Mass book. We have times still open in the 2022 Mass Intention Book as well. The Mass is the most perfect form of prayer for living or deceased..

Kingdom Car Wash

Sunday April 24 from 10 am—2pm, our confirmation students in grades 8 and 9 will be sponsoring a car wash near Father Farrell Hall and the Garage. All proceeds will go to St. Jude's Children's Hospital. This is a very special event and we hope you will come and support this very worthy and grace-filled cause for the children of St. Jude's.

We Look forward to seeing you there! God Bless

Coming Back to Church

Question:

I have been away from the Church for a few years and really want to get active again, not so much for me, but for my children. Is this a bad reason to come back to Church?

Answer:

If you are on your way to the supermarket, and you are forced to detour from your usual route because of road work, does the food you buy taste different? Is the meal less filling? Are the vegetables less tasty? Of course not. In our faith journey, there are many detours called sin. Some are greater than others, some are even a bit longer. But God's grace comes to us in ways we understand and recognize and need. Your children leading you back to the Church is not as important as the fact that you are back. This is an opportunity for you to renew, strengthen, and deepen your faith. Regardless of how we get to Church, or what draws us closer to God, the fact is we are there. Do what you need to do to get right with God and the Church. Go to confession, begin good family religious practices, and be involved in the ministries your parish offers. Be more than a lukewarm parishioner. Be the kind of Catholic you want your children to be. ©LPi